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Stated Meeting, December 21, 1847.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Three hundred and forty-two crania of Birds, comprising 222 species ; also three crania of Mammalia. Presented by Dr. Wilson.

Mounted skeleton of *Boa constrictor*. Presented by Messrs. Watson, Vaux, Ashmead, Lambert, Percival and Leidy.

Skeletons of *Didelphis virginiana*, and *Mus musculus*. Presented by Mr. Wm. G. Wistar.

Two species of Trilobites. Presented by Mr. Samuel Ashmead.

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Archiv. für Naturgeschichte gegründet von A. F. A. Wiegmann, herausgegeben von Dr. W. F. Erichson. No. 6, 1846. No. 2, 1847. Deposited by Dr. Wilson.

Oken's *Isis*, No. 7, for 1847. From the same.

Verzeichniss der doubletten des Zoologischen Museum der Königl. Universität zu Berlin nebst Beschreibung vieler bisher unbekannter arten von Säugethieren, Vögeln, Amphibien und Fischen herausgegeben von Dr. H. Lichtenstein. 4to. Berlin, 1823. From the same.

The Literary Record and Journal of the Linnean Association of Pennsylvania College. Vol. 4. No. 2. From the Association.

American Journal of Agriculture and Science ; conducted by Dr. Emmons and A. Osburn, Esq., Nov. 1847. From the Editors.

Mr. Cassin read a paper entitled, "Descriptions of three species of the genus *Icterus*, presumed to be new ; specimens of which are in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia." Referred to Messrs. Wilson, Harris, and Gambel.

Dr. Morton made some remarks on an Indian cranium of singular form found near Richmond, on the Delaware; and also on a Chenook infant mummy. The cranium is interesting on account of its locality, and from its having the atlas vertebra continuous with the occipital bone. No trace of suture is visible; although the skull has pertained to an individual not exceeding 25 years of age.

The Chenook mummy is from the Straits of Fuca; the head is artificially compressed in a very remarkable manner, according to the custom of these people.

Annual Meeting, Dec. 28, 1847.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

The Committee on Mr. Cassin's papers, describing new species of *Buceros* and *Icterus*, reported in favour of publication:

Description of a new Buceros, and a notice of the Buceros elatus, Temm., both of which are in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

By JOHN CASSIN.

BUCEROS albo-cristatus, (nobis.)—Capite habente cristam, erectam, albamque; plumis totis subtiliter nigro terminatis; multis etiam ad basem nigris hoc colore sursum per scapum extendente.

Rostro nigro; macula magna, flavido-alba, ab basi ad mandibulæ superioris medium extendente.

Corpore toto, alis, caudaque nigris, nitore nonnullo virescente.

Remigibus, primariis et secundariis, maculis apicalibus, parvis et albis; primariorum nonnullis maculis parvis et albis pogonio externo.

Cauda longissima, gradata; duabus rectricibus intermediis cæteris longioribus pollicibus nonnullis; totis margine apicali large albo terminatis.

Long. tot. (exuviae) ab rostri apice usque ad caudæ finem, 30 poll.; caudæ 17 poll.

Hab. In Africa occidentali.

Head with an erect crest, which is white, every feather minutely tipped with black; many feathers of the crest are also black at their bases, with colour extending upwards along their shafts.